Chapter 11

Part 1 of 2

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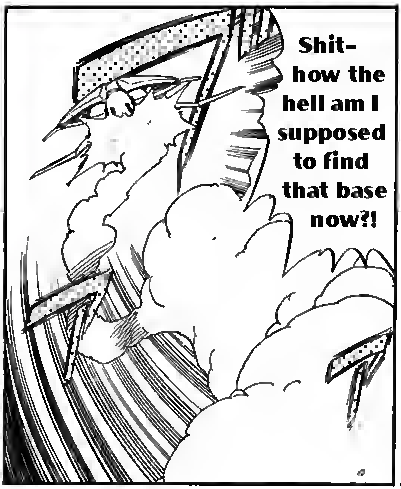
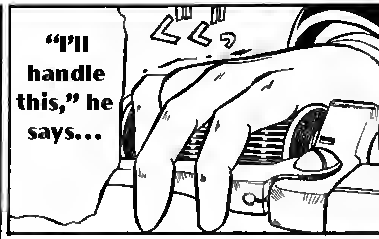
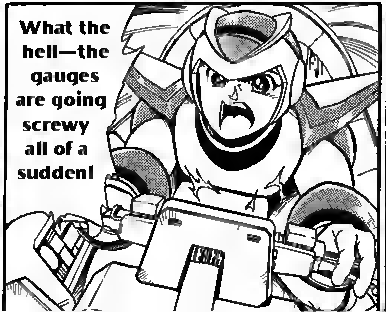
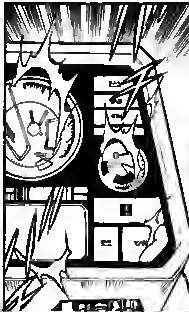
X, I've found the location of Sigma's headquarters. I'm heading there immediately. I'll handle this myself from here on out. You did great; thanks for your help.
–Zero


Shit– how the hell am I supposed to find that base now?!


"I'll handle this," he says...

"Thanks for your help," he says...!!


What the hell—the gauges are going screwy all of a sudden!



They won't work at all!
Wha--...
What the hell?!

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Whoa!
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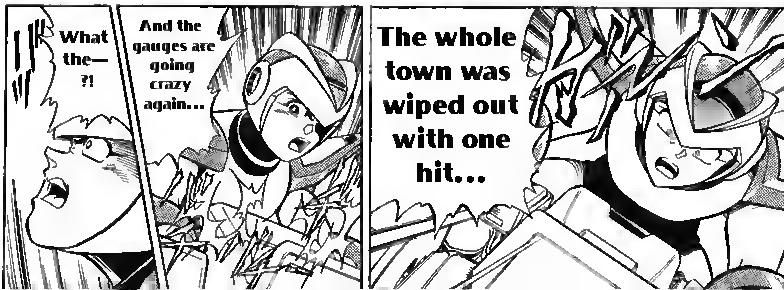
Dam mit ...


What the—?!
And the gauges are going crazy again...
The whole town was wiped out with one hit...

It's gathering energy again— at least a hundred times more than before!
This won't stop until every last town is obliterated!

I've got to do something!!

Eat-
this!!
Al-
right!
One
down!

Aaaaa ghh!!
Fine!
Then I'll just...
...have to force my way in!!

Disturbance in Section 927! All mechaniroids respond immediately!
X is gone!
Find him! Find him NOW!

A booby trap?!
I should be safe up here!
!!
Aaa gh!
It's him!
GAH!
Eat this!!

Could it be...?
Huh? What's that sound?
Crap! A dead end!!
An energy main?!
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That could help me!!
Ack!
You moron! Even YOU can't stand up to liquids that hot!!
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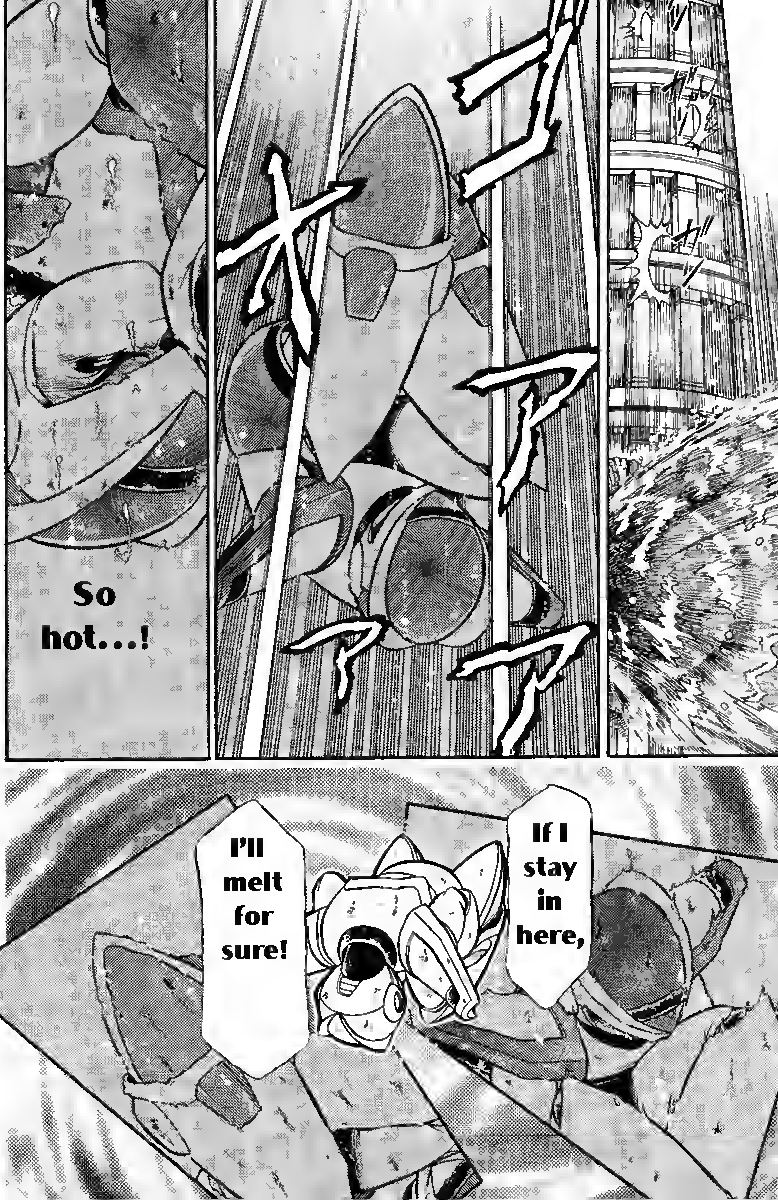
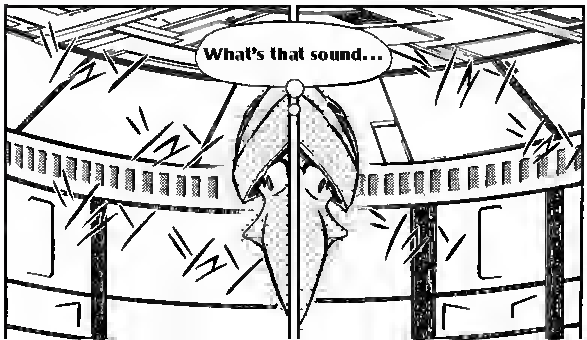
Hahahaha! One order of deep-fried Rockman, coming up!

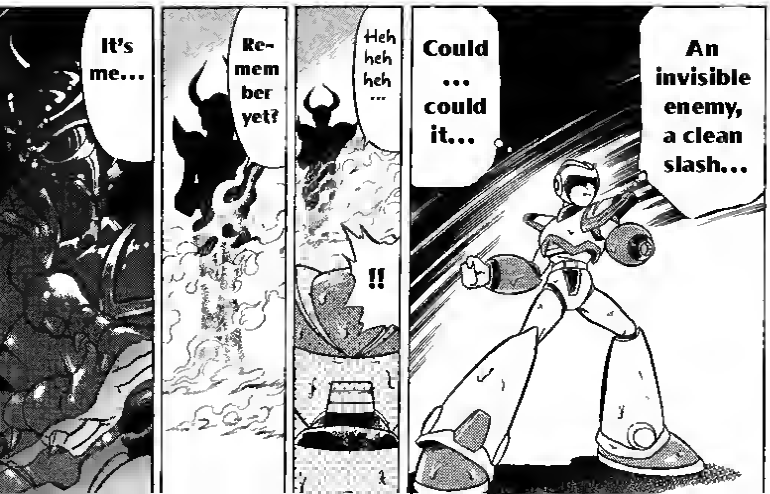

So hot...!
If I stay in here,
I'll melt for sure!

I should have thought twice about that one.
May be...
But at least it bought me some time.

It's so... quiet.


What's that sound...

Ga hh!
Uaaaghh!
UNCH!
That's a clean cut... could it be...


It's me...
Re-mem ber yet?
Heh heh heh...
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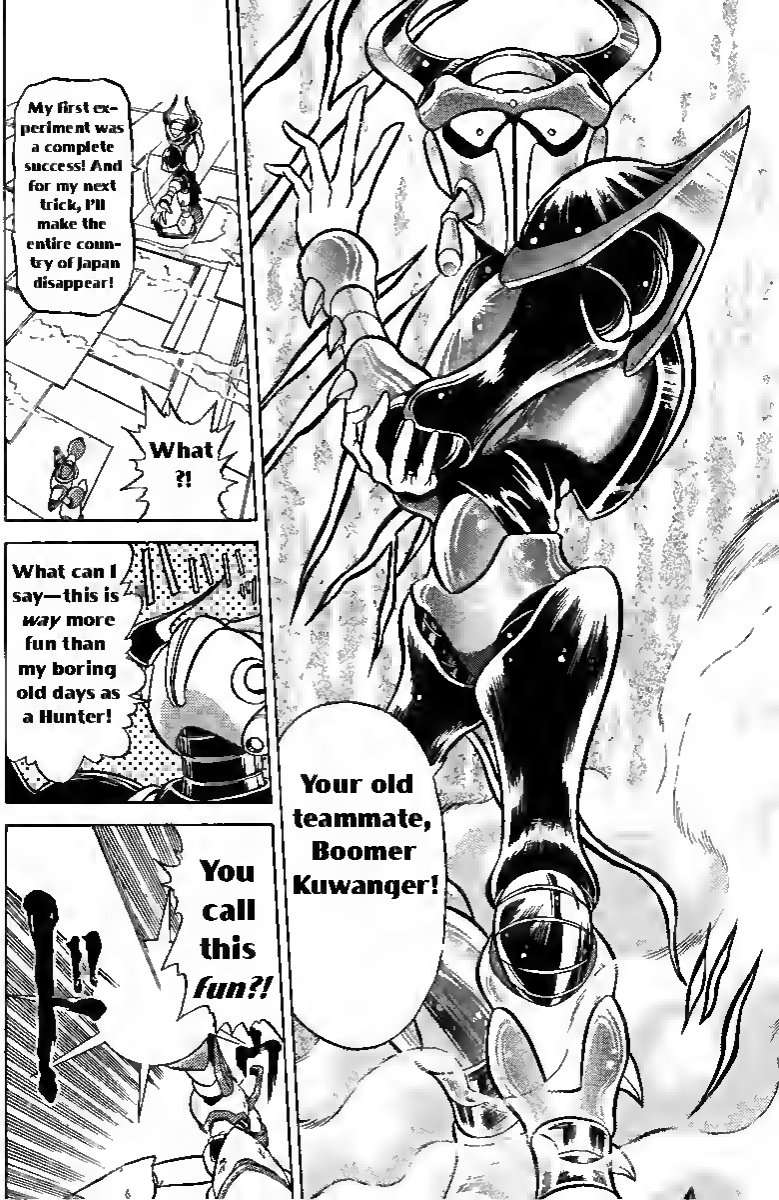
Could ... could it...
An invisible enemy, a clean slash...


My first experiment was a complete success! And for my next trick, I'll make the entire country of Japan disappear!
What ?!
What can I say—this is *way* more fun than my boring old days as a Hunter!
Your old teammate, Boomer Kuwanger!
You call this *fun?!*

It's a blast!
He's fast!
You bet!
Isn't this ...
!!
He disapp—
...no! He's just too fast to see!!
But I guess ...
... it's only fun if you're me!

Uaaagh!
FUN?!
Oh-ho! Not bad!
Hup!

Ah-hah-hah!
I need to get far enough away to counter attack!
Dash!!

I see, you're going to make things ...
Huh ?!
...inter-esting!
No reploid could be that fast!
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You stup-id idiot !!

He decapitated all these reploids...
Boomer-ang Cutter!!
And he's... he's aiming for my neck!

Is that all you've got?
You didn't even put up a fight!
Ungh!
My buster cannon !!

Aagh!
Then...
I've just got to keep shooting!
Can't hit a moving target- especially one moving this fast!
How sad...
A seasoned soldier like you...
Dis-graceful!
!!

Huh?
!?
For a second, I thought I saw him!
Behind me?!
Too slow!
Don't worry— we're perfectly safe in here.
Dammit! I've got to hurry...
What's the matter, X? You'd better act fast, or Japan is toast!

What's wrong? Give up already?
Ungh!!
When all of these lights are lit, it means the energy has been totally replenished!
Now then!
Aau gh!!
The count-down ...
to Japan's annihi-la-tion...

Now you'll see the true power of my rebirth!
... has begun !!
That's it!
"Rebirth" ?!
What was that?
I've got him!!

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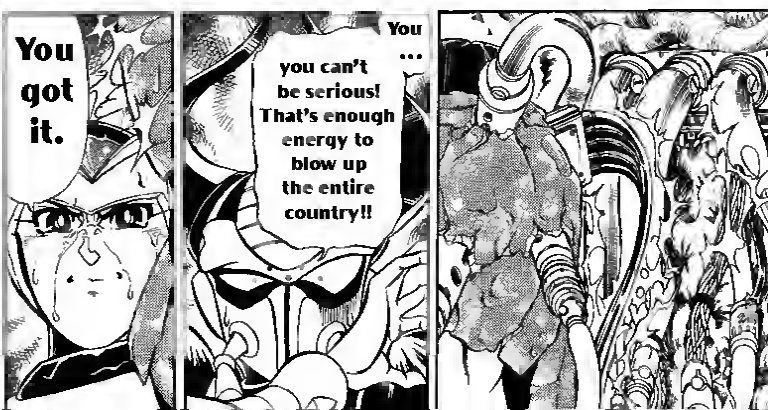
!!
Unh...
Th—
...this
is....

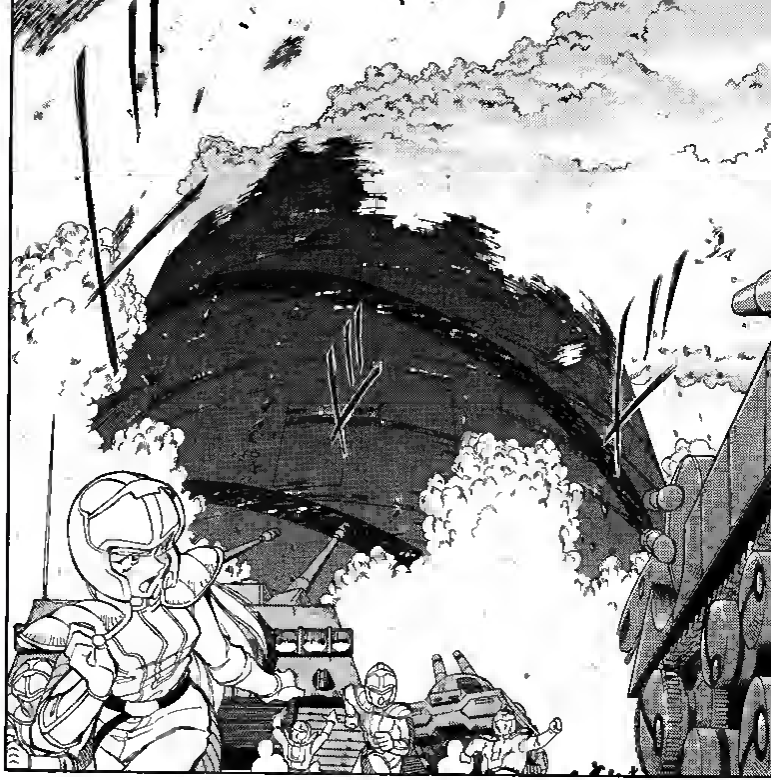
This is the source of your power!!!
But the game ends here!!
Your mind and your body are separate entities, so you can surpass the limits of ordinary reploids!!
And this tower...*this* is how you were "reborn"!

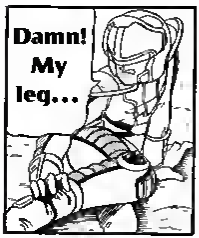
!?
My buster cannon's been split open!
I'll have to use a full charge!!
What ?!
You're wasting your time. My mind is protected by a special force field...even your "full charge" won't get through it.

The charge cycle is complete!
Ah!
My buster isn't strong enough? If I....if I don't find a way to get more energy...
A high-voltage line!!
I've gotta try!!
!?
And Japan will be totally annihilated!!


You got it.
you can't be serious! That's enough energy to blow up the entire country!!
You ...

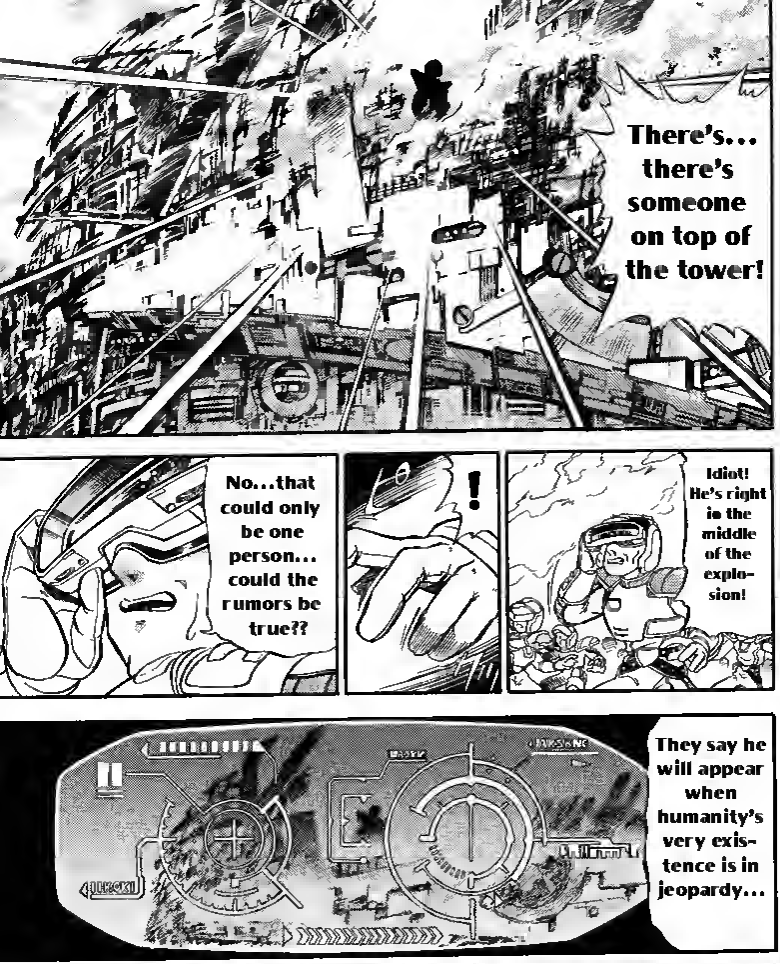
If my buster needs more energy...
N—
no !!!
...then that's what I'll give it!!!



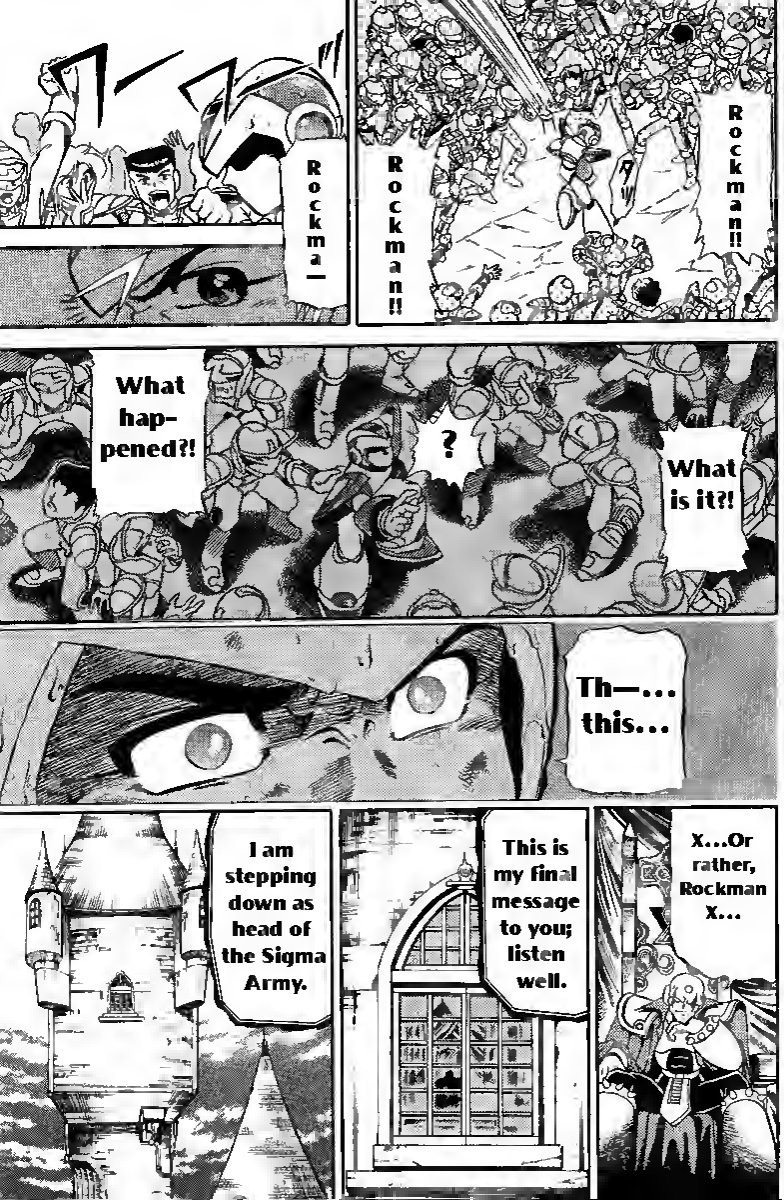

Damn! My leg...

Huh?

Ungh!


There's... there's someone on top of the tower!
No...that could only be one person... could the rumors be true??
!
Idiot! He's right in the middle of the explo-sion!
They say he will appear when humanity's very exis-tence is in jeopardy...
The legendary reploid...

ROCKMAN!!!
Rock-man...
Rock-man...?
Rock-man!!
It's Rockman!!
Rockman!


Rockma—
Rockman!!
Rockman!!
What hap-pened?!
?
What is it?!
Th—... this...
I am stepping down as head of the Sigma Army.
This is my final message to you; listen well.
X...Or rather, Rockman X...

What will you do now?!
Nnh ...
I hereby step down as head of the Sigma Army, Rockman X!!

...as... humans ....
This is a matter of our pride...
Well, what're we waiting for!! We've got to attack him head-on!!
X, wait!! Y—you ...
X!!
You're useless with your arm like that!! Are you just going to walk up there like a lamb to the slaughter?!

He's ...incredible ...
!?
X!!!